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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-captioned patent application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows (a marked-up copy of the amended specification is attached to this Amendment):

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 2-11, with the following paragraph:

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Benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) is claimed to U.S. provisional application Serial No. 60/272,877, filed March 2, 2001, to Chen, entitled "NOVEL USES OF PHOTOLUMINESCENT NANOPARTICLES FOR PHOTODYNAMIC THERAPY;" and to U.S. provisional application Serial No. 60/367,359, filed March 2, 2001, to Chen, entitled "NOVEL USES OF PHOTOLUMINESCENT NANOPARTICLES FOR PHOTODYNAMIC THERAPY."

The disclosures of the above-referenced applications are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.